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## Pennsylvania's Crop Production

HARRISBURG, PA, Oct 12, 2007 - - - Based on conditions as of October 1, 2007, Pennsylvania's production of Maryland-type and Pennsylvania seedleaf tobacco is expected to be above last year according to the Pennsylvania field office of USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Production of corn for grain, soybeans, dry alfalfa hay, all other dry hay, burley tobacco, apples, and grapes, is expected to be below a year ago.

Corn for grain production is forecast at 111.6 million bushels, 5 percent below last year's crop. Acreage for grain harvest is expected to total 970,000 with an average yield of 115 bushels per acre, compared with 960,000 acres and 122 bushels per acre last year. Soybean production is expected to be 16.2 million bushels, down 5 percent from last year's production of 17.0 million bushels. Harvested area is expected to be 415,000 acres and yield is estimated at 39 bushels per acre, unchanged from the September forecast, and down 1 bushel per acre from 2006.

Alfalfa dry hay production is forecast at 1.5 million tons, 1 percent below a year ago. Pennsylvania farmers expect to harvest 550,000 acres of alfalfa for dry hay, with an average yield of 2.70 tons per acre, down 0.3 ton per acre from the 2006 average yield. All other dry hay production is forecast at 2.0 million tons, 46 percent below a year ago. Pennsylvania farmers expect to harvest 1.15 million acres, with an average yield of 1.70 tons per acre, compared to the 2006 average yield of 2.90 tons per acre.

Pennsylvania's production of Maryland-type tobacco production is estimated at 2.31 million pounds, up 11 percent from last year. Acreage for harvest is set at 1,100 acres with an average yield of 2,100 pounds per acre. Pennsylvania's seedleaf-type tobacco production is estimated at 3.96 million pounds, 52 percent above 2006's crop. Acreage for harvest is set at 1,800 acres with an average yield of 2,200 pounds per acre. Production of light air-cured burley tobacco is estimated at 10.75 million pounds, down 7 percent from last year's production of 11.55 million pounds. Acreage for harvest is set at 5,000 acres with an average yield of 2,150 pounds per acre.

Apple production is forecast at 455 million pounds, 3 percent below last year's 470 million pounds. Grape production is estimated to be 80,000 tons, 2 percent below last year's production.

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At the **United States** level, corn for grain production as of October 1, 2007, is forecast at 13.3 billion bushels, up slightly from last month and 26 percent above 2006. Based on conditions as of October 1, yields are expected to average 154.7 bushels per acre, down 1.1 bushels per acre from September, but 5.6 bushels higher than last year. If realized, the yield would be the second highest yield on record, behind the 160.4 bushel yield in 2004. Production would be the largest on record as growers expect to harvest the most corn acres for grain since 1933. Forecast yields are higher than last year across the Great Plains, central Corn Belt, and Delta, where adequate rainfall during much of the season provided favorable growing conditions. Expected yields across the Ohio and Tennessee Valleys, Northeast, and mid-Atlantic states are down from last year as drought conditions during much of the growing season reduced soil moisture levels and stressed the crop. Area harvested and to be harvested for grain is forecast at 86.1 million acres, up 1 percent from September and 22 percent higher than last year.

U.S. soybean production is forecast at 2.60 billion bushels, down less than 1 percent from the September forecast and down 19 percent from last year's record high. Based on conditions as of October 1, yields are expected to average 41.4 bushels per acre, unchanged from last month, but down 1.3 bushels from last year. Compared with last month, yields are forecast lower in Illinois, Kentucky, Tennessee, Wisconsin, and most of the Atlantic Coast states. Hot, dry, conditions continued to cause most of the decline, especially in Delaware, Illinois, Kentucky, Virginia, and the Carolinas, all down at least 2 bushels from last month. Yields increased from the September 1 forecast in Iowa, Ohio, New York, the Dakotas, and most of the Gulf Coast states. Expected area for harvest is forecast at 62.8 million acres, down less than 1 percent from September, and down 16 percent from last year.

Nationally, production of dry hay of alfalfa and alfalfa mixtures, is forecast at 72.3 million tons, up 3 percent from the August forecast, and up 1 percent from last year. Based on October 1 conditions, yields are expected to average 3.37 tons per acre, up 0.11 ton from August, and up 0.02 ton from 2006. Harvested area is forecast at 21.5 million acres, unchanged from August, but slightly above the previous year's acreage. Other hay production is forecast at 75.6 million tons, up slightly from the August forecast, and up 8 percent from 2006. Based on October 1 conditions, yields are expected to average 1.87 tons, the same as the August forecast, but up 0.09 ton from last year. Harvested area, at 40.3 million acres, is unchanged from August, and up 2 percent from the previous year.

U.S. tobacco production is forecast at 710 million pounds, down 1 percent from the September forecast, and 2 percent below 2006. Area for harvest is forecast at 355,070 acres, unchanged from the previous forecast, but 5 percent above last year. Yields for 2007 are expected to average 2,000 pounds per acre, 23 pounds lower than the September forecast, and 144 pounds below a year ago.

The final U.S. apple production forecast for the 2007 crop year is 9.25 billion pounds, slightly less than the August forecast, and down 7 percent from last year.

U.S. grape production is forecast at 6.99 million tons, virtually unchanged from the August forecast, but 9 percent above 2006.

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